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Mailboxes to close on NAS II



By JO3 Steve Weaver
Staff Writer

There are some changes going on with the postal services at Naval Air Station Sigonella.

These changes include the closure of personal mail receptacles at the NAS I and II post offices.

On Jan. 30, all NAS II mail receptacles will be permanently closed. The change affects all NAS II receptacle holders. On March 31, all NAS I mail receptacles, with the exception of retired military box holders, will permanently close.

"All current receptacle holders at both post offices will be required to change their addresses to their command mailing addresses as soon as possible," said PCC (SW) Anthony Gambles, Fleet Mail Center (FMC) leading chief petty officer. "If they don't do it then their mail won't reach them in an adequate time." Once the

mail receptacles are closed, all mail will be rerouted to the individuals command mailing address.

Those with mailboxes on NAS II should, if not already, do this as soon as possible. Gambles suggests that NAS I patrons get an early start as well. "If you have a box at NAS I you should do it as soon as possible," he said. "Allow your family members and correspondents enough time to forward that mail to you."

"When personnel want to close out their mailbox, decide to change it to their command mailing address, they're going to come to the post office and fill out a change of address card," Gambles continued. "From that moment, my clerk is going to close out that mailbox. The person who is closing out their mailbox should contact their significant others and family members back home and let them know their new mailing address." This includes changing addresses on those credit cards,

bank statements or anything that you order online.

The change will mean less work for those who handle the large amount of mail that comes through Sigonella. "It's more convenient for us because it's less man hours," Gambles said. "It used to take about 40 hours for my postal clerks to sort mail inside the mail boxes. Now we put the mail in bags and the command are the ones who are going to sort the mail and put it in the mailbox units that we provided to them."

"My guys are overworked...we're short manned," Gambles continued. "The Navy was never set up to pitch mail into receptacles. We're supposed to be on the orderly system. Your command representative comes to the FMC to pick up the mail and take it back to their units where it's sorted. We can't continue to run the post office...the FMC the way we used to run it because we're running our troops into the ground," Gambles said.

NEMOD change of charge today

By AGC(AW) Eileen Duncan
NEMOD

Naval European Meteorology and Oceanography Detachment, Sigonella will hold its change of charge on Friday, Jan. 16, 2004. The guest speaker is Captain Kathy A. Shield, Commanding Officer, Naval European Meteorology and Oceanography Center, Rota, Spain.



Lt. Cmdr. Therese C. Moore

The ceremony will honor the traditional reading of the Officer In Charge's orders and the passing of charge to the new Officer In Charge (OIC), Lt. Alan G. MacNeil. Families, friends and the entire unit will be present to congratulate the new OIC and say farewell to their former OIC, Lt. Cmdr. Therese C. Moore.

Moore's time as OIC was marked by several NEMOD firsts and by exemplary operational achievements. Under the guidance and leadership of Moore, NEMOD supported numerous exercises and operations including Operations ENDURING FREE-

DOM, JOINT FORGE, JOINT GUARD, Exercises Iron Hammer, Shark Hunt, Dog Fish, and Purple Flex and numerous direct support missions.

Moore, a native of Bonny Doon, Calif., earned a Bachelor's degree in Biology from the University of California, Santa Cruz in 1988. Following graduation, she enlisted in the California Army National Guard in a reserve status. She went on active duty for the United States Navy in 1990.

A Graduate of Aviation Officer Candidate School in Pensacola, Florida, Moore was commissioned an Ensign in the United States Navy in 1991. She completed Primary Flight Training in Corpus Christi, Texas and then began Intermediate Strike Training in Meridian, MS.

In 1992, she was assigned to NTTC Meridian, Miss. In 1993, she transferred to the meteorology and oceanography community. She has been assigned to Naval Pacific Meteorology and Oceanography Center, Guam, from 1993-95. From 1995-98, she was assigned to the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, Calif., where she earned a Master of Science Degree in Meteorology and Physical Oceanography. Assigned to Fleet Numerical Meteorology and Oceanography Center, Monterey, Calif. from 1998-2001. Moore has been Officer in Charge of the Naval European Meteorology and Oceanography Detachment Sigonella, Italy, from February 2001 and is transferring to



Lt. Alan G. MacNeil

the USS Bonhomme Richard (LHD-6) in San Diego, CA.

Lt. MacNeil is a native of Melrose, Mass. He enlisted in the Navy in 1983. After completion of Aerographer's Mate "A" School, he was ordered to Naval Oceanography Command Detachment Lemoore, Calif. In 1988, he transferred to USS Independence (CV-62), in which he made a Western Pacific/Indian Ocean deployment during Operation Desert Shield.

MacNeil completed Aerographer's Mate "C" School in 1991, and then transferred to U.S. Naval European Meteorology and Oceanography Detachment Naples, Italy in 1992. In 1995 he transferred to U.S. Naval European Meteorology and Oceanography Center Rota, Spain. In 1998, MacNeil transferred to USS Dwight D. Eisenhower (CVN-69).

In 1999 MacNeil was commissioned under the Limited Duty Officer accession program and transferred to U.S. Naval European Meteorology and Oceanography Center Rota, Spain, where he served as a METOC Officer. He was assigned as Flag Lieutenant to Rear Adm. Thomas Q. Donaldson, V, Commander Naval Meteorology and Oceanography Command prior to arriving in Sigonella.



Direct Line

Capt. T.L. Davison
NASSIG
Commanding Officer

President John F. Kennedy said, "In the long history of the world, only a few generations have been granted the role of defending freedom in its hour of maximum danger. I do not shrink from this responsibility—I welcome it."

We have a plethora of responsibilities that we face each day. From doing our job at the base, coaching a soccer team, or just being the dad at home, we all have certain responsibilities. Some of us in leadership position have more responsibilities than others but we all have it no matter what.

Two things I would like to have you think about is voting and taxes. As an American citizen, you have the responsibility to vote in elections and also to pay your taxes.

We have a presidential election coming up this fall and later this month begins the numerous state primaries and caucuses (Iowa begins on Jan. 24). The 2000 presidential election was one of the closest elections in the history of the United States. Other close elections included the elections of 1800, 1876, 1916, 1960, 1968, and 1976.

In the 2000 elections, according to the Census Bureau, only 59.5 percent of registered voters actually took the time to cast their vote.

I urge all of you to contact the base Voting Assistance Officer, Lt. Chris Lee at 624-6871, for any information regarding absentee balloting and registration. Some say if you don't have exercise your right to vote, you can't complain...well, that might be a little true. Not only is it your right to vote but also it is your responsibility to vote.

You also have the responsibility to pay taxes. We often dread April 15th but each year, the tax money the federal government receives helps pay for national programs, defense spending and other debts. That money helps us build a better place for you and your family.

The base Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program provides a tangible economic benefit—free tax preparation and filing—to every active duty and retired member of the U.S. Navy, their dependents, and all DoD civilian employees accompanying armed forces overseas. In recent years, approximately 55% of those eligible have taken advantage of the VITA program.

Last year, the VITA program Tax Center at Sigonella benefited thousands of military and DoD civilians. The Center filed a total of 2,462 returns, serving 60 percent of the NASSIG population, and collecting over \$3.2 million in refunds for Sigonellans. A conservative estimate indicates that Sigonellans collectively would have paid approximately \$227,000 for services comparable to those we were able to provide free-of-charge at our Tax Center. The hour of operation will soon be out once the office is up and running. If you have a question regarding your individual state of residency, please check with the NLSO staff at 624-5258.

The Pulse

Ship Shape class

Lt. A. B. Campbell
USNH Sigonella PAO

Have you heard of the Ship Shape program that is offered on base? It is the weight management program approved by the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery (BUMED)—coordinated by the Health Promotion Department at the local Navy Medical Treatment Facilities (MTFs). The program was developed and made available at the local MTF level to increase access to a weight management program for Active Duty Sailors and Marines needing help in maintaining Physical Readiness Standards.

Who is eligible to take the class?

Attendance is open to all active duty personnel, especially anyone who exceeds, or is in danger of exceeding, weight and/or body fat standards. Active-duty personnel will be provided basic information regarding nutrition, stress

management, exercise and behavior modification techniques to lower and maintain an acceptable body weight and body fat percentage that is within Navy Standards. If space is available spouses of active duty members can attend the class to support the active duty member.

What is the goal of Ship Shape?

The goal of the program is to increase the number of active duty who are living a healthy lifestyle and maintaining a healthy weight. It consists of 8 sessions, each conducted by the program facilitator and a subject matter expert, if appropriate. A description of each session can be found at: http://www-nchc.med.navy.mil/hp/Shipshape/About_SS.htm

How do I get a referral? Personnel interested in attending this program can get a referral via a referral from their Command Fitness Leader (CFL) to the Ship Shape Coordinator at the local MTFs Health Promotion Department. Even those who self-refer into the program will need to get a written referral from the CFL. The CFL will complete the written referral form and have it endorsed by the command CO or OIC. The referral form will include baseline Height, Weight and Body Fat % measurements. A sample of the Quota Request Form can be downloaded from <http://www.mwr.navy.mil/mwrprgm/quotashipshape.htm>

When and where is it offered?

The program is now available in Sigonella! Here in Sigonella, Ship Shape will be offered twice in 2004. The next class for active duty will be held on NAS II starting February 5th and ending March 25th. Classes will be held once a week from 1400-1600. See your CFL/PRT Coordinator for the complete class schedule. If you are interested in participating in the Ship Shape Program you should obtain a recommendation and referral from your CO or OIC through your Command Fitness Leader with a deadline of 28-JAN-2004. For more information call Health Promotions at 624-4710.

CRIME STOPPER'S HOTLINE

624-6389

Jan. 5 — Jan. 11

The following incidents were reported and categorized as follows:

- Traffic accidents without injuries - 7
- Traffic accident with injuries - 0
- Car break-ins - 0
- DUI - 0
- DUI's 2004 - 0
- DUI's 2003 - 58



NJP Results

E-6 Violation of the UCMJ, Art. 128 (Assault consummated by a battery.) Awarded restriction to the limits of U.S. Naval Air Station Sigonella for 30 days; extra duties for 30 days; forfeiture of \$951.00 per month for two months (suspended for six months); reduction to next inferior pay grade (suspended for 6 months.)

E-4 Violation of the UCMJ, Art. 86 (Unauthorized absence); Art. 111 (Drunken operation of a vehicle (DWI)). Awarded restriction to the limits of U.S. Naval Air Station Sigonella for 45 days; extra duties for 45 days; forfeiture of \$764.00 per month for two months; reduction to next inferior pay grade.

E-5 Violation of the UCMJ, Art. 111 (Drunken operation of a vehicle (DWI)). Awarded restriction to the limits of U.S. Naval Air Station Sigonella for 30 days; forfeiture of \$832.00 per month for two months; reduction to next inferior pay grade.

8760 Hours

By Chaplain Wesley Myhand Command Chaplain



Someone once said "Life is what happens to you while you're making plans to do something else..."! That's how I felt about 2003. The year flew by. I attempted to apply the brakes a time or two to slow life down, but it did not work. In fact, just the opposite—my life sped up. Did this happen to you? Did you start out 2003 with good intentions for the New Year and somehow not get around to achieving all your goals or other plans you made for the year. Guess what? 2004 is now upon us and here we go again - but wait...

In the Bible there is a verse that says: "The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy." Sometimes we think of this only as someone who steals trucks, gold, money and or other possessions. The thief I want to share about today steals our time. This "thief" clutters our minds with worries and distractions that will consume us for hours, days, weeks and even months. This enemy of time will also cause us to regret the things we did or did not do in the past. This regret in turn can cause depression and it make

Overseas Housing Allowance, Utility, Move in Housing Allowance survey

From the Manpower office

The survey is for uniformed service members who live in privately leased housing and receive OHA.

It is very important that you participate, your response affects you and every person in this command.

The data collected in this survey will determine the OHA utility allowance and MIHA for Naval Air Station Sigonella.

Background. Annually, the Per Diem Travel and Transportation Allowance (PDTATAC) conducts the OHA utility and MIHA survey to collect utility and recurring maintenance expense data from service members who receive an overseas housing allowance. Every three years, additional questions are added to collect move-in expenses from service members. PDTATAC uses this data to compute scientifically accurate OHA utility and MIHA move-in allowances for service members worldwide.

The 2003 Survey In the past, the survey was distributed by mail to a sample of service members. Because many service members felt that their utility and move-in expenses were not considered when the rates were calculated, this year all Service members who reside in privately leased quarters overseas and receive an overseas housing allowance will have an opportunity to complete the survey on the internet.

To complete the surveys, respondents should have actual bills or records of their utility expenses

and maintenance expenses for the last twelve months. They will be expected to compute a monthly average for each of these expenses. For the MIHA survey they will be asked to report actual moving in expenses. Most respondents might find it easier to take the survey at home in conjunction with their spouses. Do not convert your euro expenses to dollars. On the local currency box, please do not put the Euro sign and no decimal points on your numbers. For example, \$107.95 is rounded to \$108.

To log in to the online survey (<http://www.milsurveys.com/OHA>), service members will be asked for their Social Security Number. This is to ensure that the member is eligible to complete the survey; once the survey is completed, responses will be held in strictest confidence. The survey then issues a "ticket number" which the service members can use if they wish to complete the survey in more than one session.

In locations where internet access is not possible, please call Manpower Office at 624-6535 or 5719 to request for hard copy.

The time and effort you spend answering the survey questions will enable the Department of Defense to determine accurate OHA utility rates and MIHA.

Deadline for submissions is Jan. 31.

NAS Sigonella Worship Opportunities

Catholic Mass
Saturday 5 p.m. Chapel (NAS II)
Sunday 9 a.m. Chapel (NAS I)
Sunday 9 a.m. in Italian 41st
Stormo Chapel (NAS II)
Sunday 11 a.m. Community Center (Mineo)

Protestant Traditional Service
Sunday 9 a.m. Chapel (NAS II)

Protestant Worship
Sunday 9 a.m. Community Center (Mineo)
Sunday 10:45 a.m. Chapel (NAS I)

United Pentecostal Church, International
Sunday Noon Chapel, (NAS II)

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints
Sunday 1 p.m. Chapel (NAS I)

Church of Christ
Sunday 3:30 p.m. Chapel (NAS I)

Jewish Shabbat Service
Last Friday of the month 5 p.m. Chapel (NAS I)

Weekdays
Daily Catholic Mass 11:30 a.m. (NAS I & II Chapels)
Wednesday Protestant Bible Study
4:45 p.m. (NAS II Chapel)
For more details, call 624-4295 or 624-9049.

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NAVY NEWS

USS McClusky rescues 169 people on the high seas



Sailors aboard a Rigid Hull Inflatable Boat (RHIB) assigned to guided missile frigate USS McClusky (FFG 41) approach the distressed vessel San Luis to deliver water and lend assistance to migrants passengers. In total McClusky answered distress calls from two other vessels rescuing 169 Ecuadorians nationals in peril on the high seas.

By Ensign Michael Shine
USS McClusky Public Affairs

ABOARD USS MCCLUSKY, At Sea (NNS) — USS McClusky's (FFG 41) swift response saved the lives of 169 people aboard two distressed vessels in the Eastern Pacific, while on a counter-drug deployment to U.S. Naval Forces Southern Command Area of Operations.

After receiving distress reports, the frigate headed toward the last known position of the closest vessel at 30 knots (approximately 36 mph) to investigate and assist. Once within 100 miles of the last known position, McClusky launched its helicopter to conduct a search from the air. The pilots spotted the first vessel, The Andrea, and radioed to McClusky to close distance. The helicopter then continued its search for the second vessel.

McClusky arrived at The Andrea, a small fishing vessel overcrowded with 86 migrants, men, women and children. While McClusky's crew was providing medical attention aboard The Andrea, the helicopter found the second vessel, San Luis. The pilots instructed San Luis to head toward the direction of McClusky.

San Luis, with 83 migrants aboard, had been at sea for 15 days and had been without food and water for the last three. In addition, the boat was taking on water. McClusky provided around-the-clock assistance for three consecutive days, attempting repairs to the vessel to prevent the flooding. The crew of McClusky continuously dewatered San Luis, while also treating the migrants for sunburns and dehydration.

"Helping people who are in need is why I came in the Navy as

a corpsman to start with," said Chief Hospital Corpsman Kenneth Porter. "Being the Independent Duty Corpsman on board gave me the opportunity to literally lay hands and eyes on every migrant personally, and treat them. It is not to often that any practitioner gets to personally treat 169 people suffering from dehydration, malnutrition, exposure and various other illnesses in a matter of days."

McClusky's food service division, in addition to preparing meals for the nearly 250 crew members, prepared additional food for all 169 Ecuadorian migrants.

The small vessels, however, became very unstable as the weather conditions deteriorated. Winds increased to almost 20 knots, with the seas at 5 feet. McClusky requested permission from higher authority to bring all 169 migrants aboard as the weather was worsening. Several hours later, all 169 were safely aboard "Mighty Mac."

While enroute to transfer the migrants ashore, Fire Controlman 3rd Class John Owen, who spent his childhood in Ecuador, entertained the 169 guests with his guitar playing and singing.

"I felt like I should go out and help make all of the people we rescued more at home," said Owens. "They were in a strange place under strange circumstances and were more than a little bit scared about what would happen to them. I figured if bringing my guitar out and playing a bit could help, then why not go for it?"

Once the migrants were safely on shore, McClusky headed back out to sea to continue her counter-drug patrol.

New relief act provisions protect service members

By Sgt. 1st Class Doug Sample
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON (NNS) — A new law replacing the Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act (SSCRA) of 1940 will provide military personnel — especially those deployed or called to active duty — greater protections to handle their personal financial and legal obligations, Defense Department officials said here.

President Bush signed the Service Members' Civil Relief Act (SCRA) into law Dec. 19.

"The focus of the SCRA is the same as under the SSCRA: to provide protections to service members who have difficulty meeting their personal financial and legal obligations because of their military service," said Air Force Lt. Col. Patrick Lindemann, deputy director for legal policy in DoD's Office of the Undersecretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness.

"The SCRA is a significant law, because it clarifies and updates the provisions that existed in the SSCRA, while adding some additional protections," he said.

"Service members on long-term deployments or called to active duty should not have to worry about their families in their absence being evicted from their quarters without sufficient legal protections," he continued, "or that they are paying on a leased car or apartment that they can't use, or about civil legal proceedings they can't attend because of their deployment."

"These are some of the situations the SCRA covers so that service members are able to devote their energies to the military mission and the defense needs of the nation, and not on civil matters waiting for them at home," he added.

What Lindemann called "a significant change" added in the SCRA is an automatic 90-day stay of civil proceedings upon application by the service member. This applies to all judicial and administrative hearings. In the past, according to Lindemann, stays were discretionary with the courts.

The SCRA also makes it clear that the 6 percent limitation on

Relief act, page 10

The Energy Block

We here in the Energy Department are wishing everyone a happy and an extremely efficient new year. Already we have our new resolutions drafted and are beginning many implementations. This next year is to be both exciting and adventurous in seeing the many changes from all the previous years. It seems as if every time we drive through one of the main gates on either base we are stepping into the future. But what are also as important are the things that are not seen.

Many upcoming articles will be written on the devices that are being installed to make for an easier user-friendly building environmental control. These will eventually allow for a quicker response to trouble calls and maintenance. Even at times, discovering and solving problems before the user is even aware that a problem existed.

In the next couple of months sensors for both occupancy and light levels (photo-cell) will be installed in many building and various spaces. This will solve some of the vast lighting problems with over lighting and unnecessary lighting we have on these bases. Many times users are not securing these fixtures and some are impossible to secure.

The installation of the new water treatment plant technology will take place that yes, the survey says, produces a better tasting quality product for a quarter of the cost.

This is just to name a few projects that I am personally involved with and to say that these projects coming on line may make this the most exciting year yet. With this years budget shortfall we will certainly attempt to at least keep the same quality of life standards we now enjoy. With everyone's help, we may even have more for less.

Let's use, not abuse

Sexual Assault Victim Intervention

SAVI offers a Sexual Assault Hotline staffed with trained Advocates who man the SAVI Hotlines 24/7. The number is 335-642-8312 or 335-606-6146.

CNO Plots Navy's Course for 2004

By JOC Walter T. Ham IV
Chief of Naval Operations Public Affairs

WASHINGTON (NNS) — In the CNO's Guidance for 2004, Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) Adm. Vern Clark praises Sailors' performance and the progress they made last year, and calls on Navy leaders to "accelerate our advantages" this year.

"Our Navy's performance in Operations Enduring Freedom (OEF) and Iraqi Freedom (OIF) demonstrated more than just combat excellence. It proved the value of readiness. It highlighted our ability to exploit the vast maneuver space provided by the sea," Clark wrote. "It demonstrated the importance of the latest technology in surveillance and attack. Most importantly, it reaffirmed the single greatest advantage we hold over every potential adversary: the genius of our people contributing their utmost to mission accomplishment."

Among the many accomplishments of 2003, the CNO singled out the Navy's combat operations in OEF and OIF, improved surge capabilities, record recruiting and retention, alignment to Sea Power 21, savings harvested from recapitalization, and the additional ships and aircraft being built.

But the CNO said that successful institutions don't rest on their laurels.

"Winning organizations never rest — they are always on the move!" the CNO said. "At the top of our list is to ensure we are prepared to respond whenever the commander in chief sees a need for our military forces. Our task is to ensure that we give the president options. We created the Fleet Response Plan last year to maximize our operational availability and create those options."

Clark added that the flexibility of the Fleet Response Plan will keep our enemies guessing and will provide the president with a greater range of military options.

"We must continue to examine and refine the Fleet Response Plan's training and maintenance cycles to make our availability the best it should be," Clark continued. "Finally, we must get better at pushing the envelope of operational art in the development of future concepts of operation for our naval forces."

The CNO said that while people are the Navy's most valued asset, "manpower is never free." He said that he only wants Sailors filling jobs with real content.

"As our Navy becomes more high tech, our work force will get smaller and smarter. We will spend whatever it takes to equip and enable our Sailors, but we do not want to spend one extra penny for manpower we do not need."

This year, Clark said, the Navy will also focus on delivering the right readiness, expediting Sea Warrior, improving productivity in everything we do, streamlining and aligning total manpower structure, and accelerating Sea Power 21 capabilities. Clark said that Sea Power 21 is the roadmap for the capabilities the Navy will bring to the fight in the future, and the Top Five priorities are the Navy's "to do" list.

While change is hard, it is also necessary, and the Navy's CNO, page 3

Living Pattern Survey

All military spouse and single parents (NASSIG/TEN-ANT Commands) are invited to participate in the Living Pattern Survey (LPS). The purpose of this survey is to determine the Cost of Living Allowance (COLA) paid to the servicemembers stationed in high cost overseas locations. COLA helps maintain purchasing power so you can purchase about the same level of goods and services overseas as in the United States. It is noted that there are significant actual cost differences between U.S. and European common market goods and services. COLA is intended to maintain maximum standards.

The questionnaire is designed to identify where and how you purchased goods and services. The viewpoint should be from the actual householder who typically runs the household. The information obtained from this questionnaire is used in planning and completing a separate Retail Price Data Collection that forms the basis for prescribing your COLA. It is very important that you participate!

The LPS survey can be accessed on our website address: <https://207.132.131.134/manpower>. The survey takes approximately 20 to 30 minutes to complete.

Deadline is Jan. 31.

115 is here

The new base-wide 115 hotline is now in place! You can dial 115 to access a touch-tone system that will connect you to trouble desks already in place throughout the base. The fast dial 115 option from an on-base telephone allows quick access to security, hospital, public works, housing, billeting or computer assistance. Cellular and off-base telephones access this service by dialing 095 86 6013. Staying on the line results in being transferred to the NASSIG quarterdeck for further assistance.

News Briefs

Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday Observance

There will be a Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Observance today from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the NAS I Chapel. For more information, call YNC Davis at 624-6141 or 624-6411.

Vet Clinic Closures

The Vet Clinic will be closed today and Jan. 19 in observance of Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday. Clinic hours will remain the same for the rest of the month; Monday through Wednesday and Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Closed on Thursday.

NMCRS Birthday Celebration

The Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society is 100 years old. Come join the centennial celebration, Jan. 23 from 2 to 3:30 p.m. at the NAS II Galley.

Personal Growth Retreat

Need a break from your hectic routine? Need a little time alone? Join the Religious Department on the weekend of Jan. 23-25. Transportation, meals and lodging are provided. Check out the CREDO Naples website <http://www.nsa.naples.navy.mil/credo/retreats/personal.htm>. Anyone with a valid military ID can attend this retreat: Active Duty, Retired, Reservist, DOD employees, and immediate family members all qualify. Space is limited. Military members will need approved no cost TAD orders or an approved special request chit. For more information on this free weekend program at Emmaus Center on Mt Etna or to register, call 624-4295 or 624-9049.

Exam Schedule

Navy College will be offering the following exams: CLEP/DANTES/EXCELSIOR on Jan. 27, ACT on Jan. 28 and the SAT on Jan. 29 at 7:45 a.m. Results for all exams taken through Nov. 26 need to be picked up at the Navy College Office. To sign up for the exams call 624-2511.

NCAA Championship Countdown

March Madness is on its way. The countdown to the NCAA Championships is heating up. Stop by JOX and watch your favorite team in action. TV Schedules are posted every Friday. Come by JOX for details.



By Alberto Lunetta
Signature Staff

Italian News

Sicilian culture and lifestyle

Catania Opera Theatre opens its 2004 season

Sigonella's opera lovers will be very glad to know that the new 2004 opera season will soon begin in Catania. The season opening gala is Jan. 18, with Giuseppe Verdi's "La Traviata." From then on through Dec. 22, the superb *Teatro Massimo Bellini* (Bellini Opera House) orchestra, corps de ballet and chorus along with celebrated opera soloists and visiting conductors, can be heard all season long in this amazing *teatro*, which is an entrancing place for music wherever you sit.

The schedule, which is rich and varied, consists of five operas, a sacred representation and two ballets featuring acclaimed Italian and international musicians, dancers and opera singers.

The Bellini Theater is named after Vincenzo Bellini, one of the most important opera composers in the history of music, who was born in Catania in 1801. Architect Carlo Sada (1809-1873) designed this amazing *teatro* that was inaugurated in 1890 with one of Bellini's masterpiece: "Norma." It features a 105-member orchestra, 1,200 seats and a choir of 84 singers. This elegant building is located in the historic heart of Catania representing the "core" of the city's artistic life. The auditorium has excellent acoustics thanks to the concave shape of the ground under the floor of the theater. Ernesto Bellanti painted the frescoes on the ceiling, that represent the "Triumph of Bellini," and scenes from four of his famous operas.

The opera season begins with *La Traviata* (The Woman who Strayed), one among the most popular of Giuseppe Verdi's operas. Based on an Alexander Dumas' novel, *La Traviata* premiered in Venice in 1853.

Alfredo, a young man from a respectable family, falls madly in love with Violetta, a courtesan who for love of him abandons her dissipated life. The new couple moves to a country house. But their love affair presents a clear threat to Alfredo's family and jeopardizes his sister's forthcoming marriage. Thus, Alfredo's father Giorgio Germont, taking

advantage of his son's absence who has to take care of business in Paris, urges Violetta to give up his son, a "proposal" which she at first rejects, but eventually accepts.

Violetta then leaves the house, and later lies to Alfredo that she loves another. She goes back to her old life, but falls mortally ill. Moved by her misfortune, Giorgio eventually allows a touching deathbed reunion.

This absorbing four-act opera will be performed on Jan. 18 at 8:30 p.m., Jan. 20 at 8:30 p.m., Jan. 22 at 5:30 p.m., Jan. 24 at 5:30 p.m., Jan. 25 at 5:30 p.m., Jan. 27 at 8:30 p.m., Jan. 28 at 5:30 p.m., Jan. 30 at 5:30 p.m., Feb. 1 at 5:30 p.m. and Feb. 2 at 5 p.m.

Giacomo Puccini's "*Turandot*" will be performed on March 17 at 8:30 p.m., March 20 at 5:30 p.m., March 21 at 5:30 p.m., March 23 at 8:30 p.m., March 24 at 8:30 p.m., March 26 at 5:30 p.m., March 27 at 5:30 p.m., March 28 at 5:30 p.m., March 30 at 8:30 p.m. and Apr. 1 at 5:30 p.m.

Left unfinished by Puccini at his death, this famous opera was completed by Franco Alfano. It was first performed in Milan 1926. *Turandot*, tells the story of a "cold-hearted" Chinese princess and a prince-in-hiding named Calaf who comes to Peking to vie for her hand. While many princely suitors who fail to answer her three riddles correctly are executed, Calaf responds to all of them without a single mistake. Despite that, Turandot refuses to marry the prince as promised, so Calaf proposes his own riddle to the princess. She has to solve the mystery of his name. Turandot eventually agrees to marry him in the final act after the "sacrifice" of Liu, a poor slave girl who gives up her own life to save Calaf's, whom she loves.

Luigi Dallapiccola's "*Il Prigioniero*" (The Prisoner) *Il Prigioniero* is a rarely performed opera that will be presented on May 4 at 8:30 p.m., May 6 at 8:30 p.m., May 8 at 5:30 p.m., May 9 at 5:30 p.m., May 11 at 5:30 p.m., May 13 at 5:30 p.m. and May 15 at 5:30 p.m.

This 55-minute opera, which is set in Spain in the second half of the 16th century, was composed between 1944 and 1948 and is about the psychological torture of an inmate, inflicted by the Inquisition.

The opera "*La Sonnambula*" (the Sleepwalker), by Vincenzo Bellini will be performed on Nov. 12 at 8:30 p.m., Nov. 14 at 5:30 p.m., Nov. 16 at 8:30 p.m., Nov. 18 at 8:30 p.m., Nov. 21 at 5:30 p.m., Nov. 23 at 5:30 p.m., Nov. 25 at 5:30 p.m., Nov. 27 at 5:30 p.m. and Nov. 28 at 5:30 p.m.

This opera, which is set in a Swiss village in the early 19th century, was written in 1831.

Amina, an orphan peasant girl who is a sleepwalker, is betrothed to Elvino, a local landowner. Because of her sleeping disorder, she gets into big trouble as the locals discover her "sleepwalking" in the bedroom of Count Rodolfo, the son of the late lord of the village, who has recently came back after being away for some time. Lisa, the proprietress of the inn, is jealous of Amina because she loved Elvino and has been rejected by him. So she discloses the situation to Elvino who arrives as Amina wakes in the Count's room. Consequently, Elvino cancels the wedding and asks for Lisa's hand. The Count attempts to explain matters, but he is not believed by the villagers who have never heard of sleepwalking. When Amina is seen sleepwalking along the edge of the mill's roof, the local villagers understand the truth. Amina awakes to find Elvino asking her forgiveness and all ends happily.

The last opera of the season is "*Ugo Conte di Parigi*" (Hugo, Count of Paris) and will be presented on

Dec. 12 at 8:30 p.m., Dec. 14 at 8:30 p.m., Dec. 16 at 5:30 p.m., Dec. 18 at 5:30 p.m., Dec. 19 at 5:30 p.m., Dec. 21 at 5:30 p.m. and Dec. 22 at 5:30 p.m.

Princess Bianca loves Count Ugo who is promised to her sister Adelia, while she herself is to marry King Louis V of France. The King arrests Hugo as he suspects he has an affair with Bianca. Thus, the princess prepares to poison the King, but eventually takes the poison herself.

The season also includes several concerts, two ballets "*Swan Lake*" by Piotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky (Feb. 12, 13, 14, 15, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21 and 22) and "*Tango, vals Tango*" (June 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10 and 11), and "*Job*," a "sacred representation" by Luigi Dallapiccola (May 4,

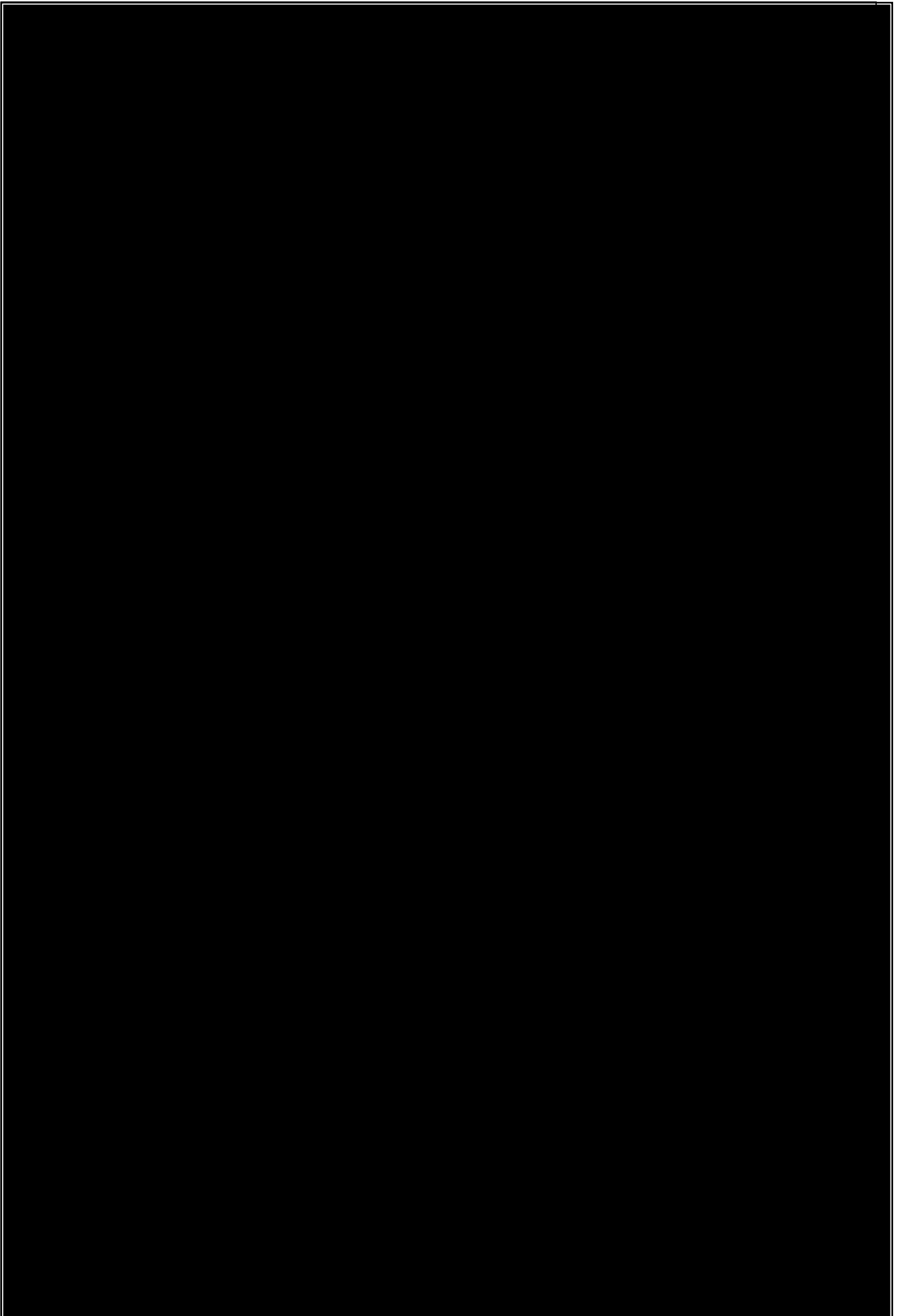
6, 8, 9, 11, 13 and 15).

For more information on opera subscriptions or single tickets call 095-7150921 or visit the following website where you can purchase tickets on line: <http://www.teatromassimobellini.it/>.



Picture courtesy of Bellini Opera House

On Jan. 18, the Catania Bellini Opera House will kick off the 2004 season with Giuseppe Verdi's opera "*La Traviata*." Inaugurated in 1890, this mesmerizing *teatro lirico* is acclaimed not only because of its splendid performances, but also because of its unique atmosphere





SUNDAY		MONDAY		TUESDAY		WEDNESDAY		THURSDAY		FRIDAY		SATURDAY			
<div>COMMUNITY CALENDAR</div>												16	Dr. Martin Luther King Jr's Holiday Observance 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. NAS I Chapel Call 624-6141/6411	17	Castle Tour Photo Safari Call 624-3718
18	Carini Castle & Seafood Lunch ITT Call 624-4396	19	Dr. Martin Luther King Jr's Birthday	20	Beary Special Sibs 3 to 4 p.m. Pediatric Waiting area Call 624-4291	21	Rainbow Playgroup 10 to 11 a.m. 205 Housing	22	Traviata by Guseppe Verdi Bellini Opera 4:30 p.m. depart NAS I Call 624-5271	23	Navy Marine Corp Relief Society 100th Birthday Celebration 2 to 3:30 p.m. NAS II Galley No School	24	Horse Trekking Trip AU Call 624-4271		
25	Agrigento Valley of the Temples & St. Leone Beach ITT Call 624-4396	26	Special Additions 1 to 3 p.m. Comm. Bldg Rm. 203 Call 624-4291	27	National Diet Month 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. free diet sodas Take 5	28	ACT Exam 7:45 a.m. Navy College Call 624-2511	29	Liberty Sailor Special play three games for free including three shoes 12 to 8 p.m. TENPINS	30	Catania History ITT Call 624-4396 No School	31	SKI Mt. Etna AU Call 624-4271		
1	World War II Battle Tour & Carrubo Agriturismo Farm ITT Call 624-4396	2		3	Mineo Game Board Days Mineo Rec Center	4	St. Agata Shopping Trip ITT Call 624-4396	5		6	Sicilian Puppet Show ITT Call 624-4396	7			
Fri., Jan. 16		Sat., Jan. 17		Sun., Jan. 18		Mon., Jan. 19		Tues., Jan. 20		Thur., Jan. 22		Fri., Jan. 23			
First Birthday Bash at Crater Pub with a two hour Happy Hour and birthday party favors at 8 p.m. Call 624-5271.		Capture the beauty of ancient castles with Photo Safari. Depart NAS I at 9 a.m. Call 624-3718 to find out more. Tour the capital of Sicily and visit the Palermo Catacombs with ITT. Call 624-4396.		Learn about the famous Baroness of Carini and the Carini Castle with ITT. Call 624-4396.		Join ITT on a Etna off road trip in the latest generation of off-road vehicles. Call 624-4396.		Today is National Basketball Day. Get a free hot dog and soda if you make a basket. Explore Mt. Etna on horseback. Discover beautiful trails and a little son. Call ITT at AU at 624-4271.		Learn photographic techniques and prepare for future photo excursions at the Photo Safari meeting from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. at the Golden Anchor. Call 624-3718.		Discover Taormina by night, known for its lush vegetation and spectacular views then stop by the Limoncello Factory. Afterwards your on your own for dinner and shopping. Call ITT at 624-4396.			

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1) If attempted in the United States, it is punishable. If committed, it is not punishable. What is it?
2) There is a word in the English language where the first two letters indicate a male, the first three letters indicate a female, the first four indicate a great man and the whole word is a great woman.
What is the word?

3) What word can be found if one fills in this missing letters: S _ _ u _ p _ _ i _ n _ ?

4) hijklnmo - What common chemical compound is represented by these letters?

5) What number when doubled, is 14 more than it's quarter?

(Answers on page 13)

Movie Connection

WDC's Theater Schedule

Friday, Jan. 16



6 p.m.
Gothika (R)**



8 p.m.
Master and Commander
(PG-13)

Monday, Jan. 19



3:30 p.m.
Scary Movie 3 (PG-13)



6 p.m.
Gothika (PG-13)

Theater Closed Tuesdays

Saturday, Jan. 17



1 p.m.
Brother Bear (G)



3:30 p.m.
Radio (PG)



6 p.m.
Looney Tunes Back in Action
(PG)

Wednesday, Jan. 21



6 p.m.
The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King (PG-13)

Thursday, Jan. 22



6 p.m.
Radio (PG)*



8 p.m.
Master and Commander
(PG-13)

Sunday, Jan. 18



1 p.m.
Dr. Seuss' Cat in the Hat
(PG)



3:30 p.m.
Somethings Gotta Give
(PG-13)



6:30 p.m.
Gothika (R)

Friday, Jan. 23



1 p.m.
Dr. Seuss' Cat in the Hat (PG)



6 p.m.
Timeline (PG-13)**



8 p.m.
Veronica Guerin (R)

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(All times and movies are subject to change. For more information on the schedule, call the movie hotline at x4248)

SCHOOL NEWS

What's happening at SHS



Freshmen Morgan Henkelman (L) and Cecile Robertshaw (R) rehearsing their scene from "The Hat." The SDSS Drama Club will present many acting duets, monologues and a one-act play February 12th and 13th at the SDSS multi-purpose room.

By Senior Heather MacNeil and
Junior Rita Anderson

The first semester is drawing to a close at Stephen Decatur Secondary School. The winter sports have gotten off to a great start, with girls and boys basketball, wrestling, and cheerleading. The end of the semester nears with exam week beginning on Friday, Jan. 16. Also, the new drama club is adding a splash of talent with their upcoming performance in February. Here's a look into the happenings at Sigonella High School.

The Lady Jaguar basketball team plays Rome Marymount Friday and Saturday, Jan. 16 and 17. The girls have been working very hard, in fact, they won third place in an Italian tournament in December, the Natale Della Solidarieta event. The returning boys basketball team, which took the championship title of the American Schools in Italy League (ASIL) last year, will also appreciate the community's support. Their game this past weekend versus the Vicenza Cougars was a great success, with a victory for the Jags. Last, but not least, the wrestling team will also compete Jan. 17 when they fly to Rome for an away match.

Jan. 22 marks the last day of the semester, along with the end of semester exams. Exam week begins Friday 16 with two exams (periods 2 and 4). On Tuesday 20 there is one exam in period 6. On Wednesday 21, periods 1 and 3 will have exams, finishing with two more exams on Thursday 22 in periods 5 and 7. (Note: eighth and seventh periods will be switched on Thursday, so although the exam will be the seventh period subject, it will be taken from 1:05 to 2:30 p.m.).

An Evening of Drama in Two Parts will be the acting debut for the SDSS Drama Club. Monologues, duets, and pieces chosen by the actors will fill the first half and "The Ugly Duckling," a one-act play, will be the second half of

the evening. "We want to make people laugh," says Mr. Les Bryan, the club sponsor. It will be a night of fun while students display their newly found talent, acting. These performances will be held on Feb. 13 and 14 for parents and the community and during school Jan. 12 and 13 for the seminar classes. The young actors will have another chance to display their acting achievements during a three-act play (to be announced) in May. Below is a list of the actors and actresses taking part in this evening of drama.

Mistress of Ceremonies: Cait Harmon
In the Monologs and Duets:

The Breakfast Special

Paige Pendleton, Andy Gomez

Trailer Trash

Brittany Garlepid

Misreadings

Rachel Bryan, Melanie Campbell

The Hat

Cecile Robertshaw, Morgan Henkelman

Blink of an Eye

Marlene Stilling

The Roommate

Jackie MacNeil, Natalie Felia

Prisoner of Second Avenue

Veronica Gray, Roberta Cassar

In the One Act:

King

Robert Weaver

Queen

Aubrey Glesener

Princess

Meredith Bailey

Prince

Dane Roberts

Chancellor

Kristin Bremer

Dulcibella

Rachel Bryan

Carlo

Andy Gomez

"Costume Mistress" Megan Beaujon

Technical Crew: Ann Salmon, Austin Johnson, Gabby Blach

PTO Labels Fundraiser Update

Did you bake this Christmas? Whether you baked or cooked anything this holiday season, and I know many of us did, your school needs those Box Tops and Tyson Labels!

Many of the cookies, cakes, puddings or other sweet items were probably a General Mills product, so save those labels for school! Every Box Top is worth 10 cents, and Tyson labels are worth 24 cents.

If you are single and would like to help our elementary school, you can drop those labels off at your friendly commissary or at building 623 on NAS II.

So far this year we have collected over 5,571 Box Tops and over 100 Tyson Labels for a grand total of \$582.00! We continue to need your help though, and we encourage you to keep clipping those labels to help the PTO with this effort.

Congratulations to Ms. Beltran's kindergarten class! They collected the most for November with a total of 295 labels worth \$29.95! Way to go!

Our next collection day for January is Thursday, January 22, so mark your calendars now to remind yourself to send in those labels with your child!!

PTO Volunteer Opportunities

The elementary school PTO is looking for some energetic volunteers to get involved with planning a school carnival for this spring. If you have had experience at a previous school with carnival planning (or even if you haven't!), please let us know of your desire to help with this event. We are also looking for people to get involved with Dr. Seuss Day on March 2nd. This will be the 100th birthday of Dr. Seuss, and we are planning to celebrate with activities such as a "read-a-thon" reading incentives program. Please contact the PTO at sdespto@hotmail.com or call Sheri Curry at 624-1225 to help with either of these opportunities. Thanks in advance for your willingness to help!!

Red Cross and Dental teaches Sailors the Trade

By AN Michelle Hartgraves
Staff Writer

The American Red Cross worldwide offers a variety of programs for those wanting to get involved in the community or receive training. The Dental Assistant Training Program is one of them.

In the Dental Assistant Training Program, the Naval Dental Clinic and the Red Cross conduct free classes for those interested in learning dental treatment skills. All volunteers are trained by dental technicians. Volunteers learn a variety of skills including chair side assistant duties, assisting during restorative procedures, performing surgical procedures and receptionist and administrative duties. They also gain hands on dental radiology and preventive dentistry experience and other procedures.

Through this program volunteers can gain work experience and expand their opportunities for jobs down the road, according to Cecil Goodman, Red Cross station manager.

"The goal of the program is to provide volunteers to assist the dental department because of a shortage of dental technicians," Goodman said. Dental training also provides volunteers with free training that would otherwise cost approximately \$7,000 in the states, according to Goodman.

Volunteers must first meet certain criteria before being accepted into the program. They must be at least 18 years old, a Red Cross volunteer, a high school graduate and must commit to a minimum of two days or 16 hours a week for the duration of the six-month program totaling 300 hours.

Once applicants are reviewed by the Red Cross and submitted to the Dental department for interviews. Applicants are then picked for the program. Once the training is finished volunteers receive a certificate stating that they have passed the training. Training can transfer to the next duty station or into the civilian work force.

"I really enjoy being able to offer something like this to help the community. Everybody gets something out of it; the volunteer, the Dental department and the community," stated Goodman.

All applicants will be accepted until Jan. 23. The next program will be kicking off around November. Call the Red Cross at 624-5446 or 624-5921 to find out more information.

The Gift of Girl Scouting

The Girl Scouts is the world's preeminent organization dedicated solely to girls, where in an accepting and nurturing environment, girls build character and skills for success in the real world. In partnership with committed adults, girls develop qualities that will serve them all their lives - like strong values, social conscience, and conviction about their own potential and self-worth.

In Girl Scouts, they discover the fun, friendship, and power of girls together; and through the many enriching experiences provided by the Girl Scouts, they can grow courageous and strong.

Girl Scouting is open to ALL girls. This new year give your daughter a gift that will help her realize her dreams. Give her the *Gift of Girl Scouting*. Simply contact the person listed below and give your daughter a gift that will last all year. Cost of annual membership is \$10.00. Troops meet during the day, on weekends and in the evenings.

SIGONELLA GIRL SCOUTS are gearing up for a great 2004 and its not too late to join in the activities. Many troops have vacancies for girls aged from 5 to 17! Daisy, Brownie, Junior, Cadets and a new Seniors troop meet regularly in and around NAS 1, Marana and Mineo.

With the launch of STUDIO 2B for Middle and High Schoolers, we need adult volunteers, preferably in the 18-29 age group to help as advisors - this is a great opportunity for Sigonellans to make a difference in the life of our middle and high schoolers. E-mail the above if you'd like to find out more about Studio 2B.

Daisy Troop 72

Every other Monday 4-5pm Mineo Rec Center/meeting

Melita Parker 624-0354 Troop Leader

Kathryn Ravelo 624-0289 Co-leader

If you are interested in having fun, making new friends and learning how to be more helpful, caring and compassionate towards others and the community we live in please come join our Daisy troop in Mineo.

Sigonella Girl Scouts
sig_gs_registrar@yahoo.com



SPORTS

Mids Sweep MIT in Squash Action

BOSTON, Mass. - The Navy squash team captured its 10th win of the season Sunday with a 9-0 sweep over MIT in Boston. It marked the Mids' fifth competition of the weekend, as Navy closed out its road trip with a 3-2 mark.

Navy claimed 3-0 victories in eight of the nine positions on the ladder, including **Gavin Morrison's (Rye, N.Y.)** 9-3, 9-0, 9-7 victory over freshman Duncan Ma at the No. 1 slot. Meanwhile, sophomore **David Haines (Pittsburgh, Pa.)** held Peter Lee scoreless in two of the three games en route to a 3-0 victory. Closing out the meet was senior **David Hicks (Charlottesville, Va.)** in the No. 9 position where he defeated Robert Bates, 9-3, 9-3, 9-1 to improve to 9-1 on the year.

Navy will get little rest before returning to the courts when it plays host to Penn Wednesday night at 6 p.m.



Sophomore David Haines

Jan. 11, 2004

Navy def. MIT, 9-0

No. 1 Gavin Morrison (N) def. Duncan Ma (M) 3-0 9-3, 9-0, 9-7

No. 2 Scott Hackman (N) def. Adam Bushashia (M) 3-0 9-4, 9-6, 9-5

No. 3 Mason Berry (N) def. Steve Liu (M) 3-0 9-2, 9-6, 9-2

No. 4 Mike Brennan (N) def. Nadeem Mazen (M) 3-0 9-1, 9-4, 9-3

No. 5 Dhruv Parashar (N) def. Wesley Jin (M) 3-0 9-2, 9-1, 9-4

No. 6 Patrick Kruse (N) def. Ashwin Deshpande (M) 3-1 1-9, 9-5, 9-0, 9-3

No. 7 David Haines (N) def. Peter Lee (M) 3-0 9-0, 9-4, 9-0

No. 8 Luke Koran (N) def. Rita Monson (M) 3-0 10-8, 9-3, 9-0

No. 9 David Hicks (N) def. Robert Bates (M) 3-0 9-3, 9-3, 9-1

Navy Women Fall At Lehigh In Patriot League Opener

BETHLEHEM, Pa.-Jessica DePalo scored 25 points and grabbed nine rebounds, while Jana Ransom added 14 points as Lehigh (4-9, 1-0 in the Patriot League) handled Navy (6-9, 0-1), 71-61, in the Patriot League opener for both teams. The win was the sixth straight for Lehigh over Navy, while the Mids have now lost five straight conference openers.

"It was two different halves," said Navy head coach Tom Marryott. "You can't play great defense in one half and then play poorly in the second half. It was a complete defensive letdown by us in the second half."

Navy struggled on the offensive end shooting just 36 percent (21-59) from the floor and committing 17 turnovers. The inside trio of Adrienne Roseti, Kate Maslowski and Kate Hobbs made just 3 of their 12 field goal attempts. The Mids shot an abysmal 28 percent (8-29) in the first half.

"For as poorly as we shot in the first half if we could have continued our good first half defense we would have been fine," said Marryott.

Lehigh shot a scintillating 61 percent (26-43) for the game, including 71 percent (15-21) in the second half as they sent the Mids to their third straight loss.

Lehigh Rolls To 80-61 Men's Basketball Victory Over Navy In Patriot League Opener

BETHLEHEM, Pa.-Austin Rowland scored 24 points, making six of his nine three-point attempts, while Joe Olivero added 17 points as Lehigh (8-6, 1-0 in the Patriot League) coasted to an easy 80-61 victory over Navy (3-11, 0-1) Saturday night at Stabler Arena in the Patriot League opener for both teams. The Mountain Hawks shot 51 percent (26-51) from the floor, made 12 of 26 three-point attempts (46 percent) and made all 16 free throw attempts.

As has been the case in the majority of Navy's games this year, this one was over early as Lehigh used a 29-6 run that started six minutes into the game and ended on two Earl Nurse free throws that gave the Mountain Hawks a 36-13 lead with 6:47 remaining in the first half. Rowland and Olivero had seven points each in the game-deciding run.



Matt Fannin scored a career-high 14 points in the loss to Lehigh.

Lehigh would extend the lead to 26 at the half on a Steve Callahan lay-in as Lehigh took a 50-24 lead into the locker room.

"We had no answer for their guards in the first half," said Navy head coach Don DeVoe. "They did whatever

they wanted."

The Mids would play much better in the second half, outscoring Lehigh 37-30, but could never get closer than 15 points.

"We were more aggressive in the second half, more aggressive than any game this year," said DeVoe. "I was encouraged with the way we played in the second half."

Freshman Carlton Baldwin continued to be a bright spot for the Mids, scoring 18 points and grabbing eight rebounds, while Matt Fannin had the best game of his sophomore campaign, scoring a career-high 14 points and grabbing five rebounds. Kwame Ofori added 11 points for the Midshipmen.

"Matt Fannin had a fine second half for us," said DeVoe. "Our overall post play was encouraging."

Navy will return home to play host to American in a 7 p.m. contest Wednesday night at Alumni Hall.

The Lane Miles for Life

Rack up running and biking miles for great prizes. Fun run, treadmill and stationary bike miles also count towards your Miles for Life total. Redeem your award when you reach distance milestones ranging from 100 to 5,000 miles. Prizes include a CD player, a heart rate monitor, a windbreaker and more. Sign up at either fitness center for a small fee. Call 624-4483 or 624-5243 for more information.

NASSIG Safety Fair 2004 "Do It For Life"

The NAS Safety Department is sponsoring a Safety Fair to be held on 16 January 2004 in the NAS II gym. The Fair will be aimed at educating all employees on Safety and Health issues. Booths will be set up on various topics including Motorcycle Safety, Traffic Safety, Confined Space Entry, Recreational Safety, CPR, Weight Handling Equipment, etc. The Fair will run from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Come on in and check out the exhibits. Make your world a safer place.

New Sigonella recycling process

Mauro Cacia
PWD, Environmental Engineer

The NASSIG Solid Waste Recycling process has changed.

A contractor now picks up from both the Office Collection Points and the Drop Off Stations, the following materials: mixed paper, mostly white plastic bottles aluminum cans

Office Collection Points mixed office paper, mostly white, plastic water bottles and other plastic containers, and aluminum cans are to be deposited separately into the blue plastic recycling containers that have been distributed all over NASSIG.

The cardboard boxes are not covered by the recycling collection operation in the offices buildings.

The following buildings have central pick-up points where all employees will bring recyclables.

NAS I:

146-FSC, 180-Chapel, 181-Theater, ITT, 191-Housing office, T205-Temp.EDIS Clinic, T210-Temp.NMCRS, 213-Pre-school, 216-DoDDS school, 220-Grade and high school, 302-Community Center, 313-Navy Lodge.

NAS II:

407-Base Training, 452-Warehouse, 469-MWR/HRO, 472-SJA/PAO, 477-ROICC/FSC/ENV., 478-Admin., 490-PWD, 500-DRMO, 537-Supply admin., 542-NAVY FCU, 546-GSE, 550-Clinic, 564-Legal, 617-Recap admin., 639-TSC, 713-Navy Campuc, 714-Navy Campus, 742-Chapel office, T916-Temp.photo lab.

The buildings that are not included in the above list should bring their recyclables to the Drop Off Stations described below.

Drop Off Station Three containers specifically marked for paper, plastic and aluminum compose each Drop Off Station. Anyone can dump into these containers the specific recycling material.

Trash disposal into these containers must be avoided.

The Drop Off stations are located by the following facilities.

NAS I:

1. Galley/Swimming pools, behind bldg. 157
2. Navy Lodge parking lot
3. DODDS school parking lot, west side of bldg. 216

NAS II:

1. NAS II North West corner by the Disaster Preparedness facility.
2. Behind the Flight Line Clinic, by the tennis court.
3. NAS II North East corner, East side of the Galley mess
4. PSD East side.
5. NAVCOMTELSTA facility West side, on the East side of the Italian base, bldg. 585.

The contractor will empty the Drop Off Stations twice a week to recycle the related material through the Italian economy. Other materials recycled by the contractor

The contractor also removes baled cardboard and wood pallets from the NEX, DECA, and Supply Departments.

Please call Mr. Mauro Cacia at ext. 2719 with questions on the process or location of Drop Off Centers.

Tringali retires after 37 years

Nilsa Diaz-Jarero, MWR

On behalf of U.S. Naval Air Station, Sigonella, we congratulate Domenico Tringali on his retirement after 37 years of outstanding service. His career began on Nov. 14, 1966 and continued to Sept. 25, 1977 as an employee of the Navy Exchange Department. At that time, he was transferred to the Morale, Welfare, and Recreation Department and continued his service to our community until Dec. 31, 2003 as Club Operations Manager.

During his many years of service, he was a dedicated employee.

As Club Operations Manager with MWR and the NEX, he provided thousands of naval personnel and their family members with friendly and caring service. His loyalty to NASSIG, exceptional unselfishness, and personal initiative set examples to be followed. Through his professionalism, dedication, and tireless efforts, he made significant contributions to the essential and demanding mission of this forward deployed Naval Air Station.



Domenico Tringali

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interest rates for pre-service debts requires a reduction in monthly payments, and that any interest in excess of 6 percent is forgiven, not deferred, Lindemann said.

The SCRA also expanded the protection against eviction. Under the SSCRA, service members and their dependents who entered into a lease for \$1,200 or less could not be evicted without a court order. The SCRA increased that maximum lease amount to \$2,400 and added an annual adjustment for inflation. For 2004, the maximum will be \$2,465. Lindemann said this will significantly increase the number of service members entitled to this protection.

The SCRA also gives the service member who has received permanent change of station (PCS) orders or who is being deployed for not less than 90 days the right to terminate a housing lease with 30 days' written notice. Prior to the SCRA, service members could be required to pay for housing they were unable to occupy.

One of the more significant provisions in the SCRA that did not exist in the SSCRA, Lindemann said, was an added protection for service members who have motor vehicle leases. Any active-duty service member who has received PCS orders outside the continental United States, or who is being deployed for not less than 180 days, may terminate a motor vehicle lease. The law prohibits early termination charges. "Now, service members won't have to pay monthly lease payments for a car they can't use," said Lindemann.

"Service members may not always realize all the protections they have under the law," Lindemann said. "If service members have questions about the SCRA or the protections that they may be entitled to, they should contact their unit judge advocate or installation legal assistance officer for further assistance."

COMSTA continues holiday tradition

Lt. Pat Sutton
COMSTA

NCTS Sicily continued its tradition of sharing and community support this holiday season with the seventh annual Casa Famiglia Christmas Party. Casa Famiglia is an orphanage that provides a home for 28 local children, and is administered by Mrs. Sara Demaria of Acireale.

COMSTA personnel donated toys, clothing, food and decorations while Pietro Iucalano of Pietro's TLA provided the party venue and an excellent meal for 70 people. Even Santa Claus, NCTS Sicily's own Tony Van Zant, showed up for the party. A flag football tournament organized by ITIOsvaldo Melendez in November raised money to augment community relations' funds granted by the Navy. Melendez said, "I want to thank everyone that donated their time and effort to the event and it's good to see that COMSTA really cares about this event".

This holiday party is only one of several events planned throughout the year by COMSTA sailors to share the holiday spirit with the children of the Casa Famiglia orphanage and the local community.



Children at the Casa Famiglia in Acireale get to know Sailors from Comsta.

New check cashing system at PSD

By J03 Steve Weaver
Staff Writer

A new system at Naval Air Station Sigonella (NASSIG) brings faster turn around for the clearing of the checks you write.

The Military Paper Check Conversion (MPCC) was recently installed in the cashier's cage at NASSIG's Personnel Support Detachment (PSD) by Personnel Support Activity (PSA) Europe and the U.S. Treasury.

MPCC converts paper checks received into electronic debits, or electronic fund transfers (EFT), to the check writer's account. When you cash a check, MPCC will transfer the funds from your account to the U.S. Treasury via EFT within 24 to 48 hours.

The system makes things a lot quicker. "You come into the window to cash a check, it goes through our system, we scan it and that afternoon when we're done with our business we send it off to the treasury," said DKC (SW) Bob Martin, PSD disbursing officer. "Then the treasury in turn will send it to the banks. Within 48 hours of that we get a return back saying the check has cleared. It will clear in your account within 24 to 48 hours."

According to the website, www.pcc.gov, The system reduces the number of dishonored checks accepted, provides a complete electronic record of converted checks, an audit trail for each item and allows enhanced reporting and access to information. It also reduces cost and increases security. "There's no paper checks being mailed back and forth back to the states, so there's the possibility of them getting lost whereas with this you don't have that possibility," Martin said.

The system includes a scanner and a keypad, but will be a painless process. "As you come into the window, you write a check, hand the check in to the cashier with your ID," Martin said. "They scan the check into our computer system, stamp on it 'void' and return the check back to you...because we have a copy of it in the system now. You then get your check back and have a nice day. It's pretty simple."

The customer needs to do nothing more than they did previously. "There's nothing new that the customer really has to do," Martin said.

There are some things it won't do. "The system will not allow you to

do two-party checks," Martin continued. "You can still use treasury checks, bank drafts, money orders and travel checks."

The system will make things more convenient on both ends. "It will be a lot easier as far as us taking care of returned checks," Martin said. "It will be a lot easier for [the customers] because they'll reconcile their



bank account a lot quicker. They're not waiting three or four weeks for a check to clear from PSD."

Because of this, customers must make sure they have the sufficient funds in their account before cashing a check.

The system will not involve the Commissary or the Navy Exchange, but will include the Combined Bachelor Quarters (CBQ), Bachelor Enlisted Quarters (BEQ), Housing, the hospital, and the Base Communication Office. "It may take a couple additional days because they pay the bill at the phone company, then they bring us the check and we run it through the system," Martin said.

The new system is scheduled to be up and running by Jan. 16

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greatest legacy is its legacy of innovation, Clark said.

"From nuclear power to the then-unlikely prospect of flying aircraft from ships, our willingness to improve our position, to adopt transformational technologies, and to develop new operating concepts is at the very core of our combat success," Clark said. "To continue our legacy is to continue to reevaluate our position and to challenge all of our assumptions. We will adapt to the changing world around us by getting out in front of it, by leading change, and embracing the innovations and improvements needed to guarantee our future success."

In a media availability following the guidance's release, Clark emphasized that "global war on terrorism" is more than a buzzword. The CNO also stressed the importance of preparing for tomorrow's threats while taking the fight to the enemy today.

"Our strategic objectives are straightforward. For us, winning the global war on terrorism is our number one objective. Victory is the only acceptable outcome, and through our collective efforts, it will be achieved," Clark said. "The business of the Navy is combat. Our obligation to succeed in combat stretches beyond the here and now. We must help guarantee combat success to the Navy of the future. That's why the decisions we all make on a day-to-day basis are so important."

The CNO concluded his guidance by thanking Sailors for an outstanding year and calling on them to raise the bar even higher this year.

"We are a winning organization. We have instituted and paid for a great many improvements over the past three years, and you have embraced them and made them better. Because of you, talented American warriors are bringing combat power to bear on the enemies of our country, wherever they may be hiding," the CNO said. "We are winning the fight to remake our great institution, to innovate and improve for the dangerous decades ahead."

"I could not be more pleased with your effort and your accomplishments this past year. You have taken aboard the idea that warfighting effectiveness and resourcefulness is the key to mission accomplishment and have produced the finest Navy the nation has ever seen. It is our job as leaders to accelerate the advantages we bring this nation over the coming year."

The CNO's Guidance for 2004 is posted on the CNO Web page at www.chinfo.navy.mil/navpalib/cno/clark-guidance2004.html.

SDS students trade artifacts for research lessons

By JO3 Steve Weaver
Staff Writer

Some students at Naval Air Station Sigonella's Stephen Decatur Elementary School (SDES) are putting their investigative skills to the test.

These students are researching "clues" such as a rock, soil samples, and headlines from a newspaper taken from an "Artifact Box" to determine where in the world the box originated.

The third through fifth grade Quest class students are participating in the Artifact Box Exchange, which is a biannual interschool project that exposes students to the uses of advanced research, reference and reasoning skills through the use of this hands-on activity.

Quest is a gifted education program for the Sigonella Elementary School. "It's what we call a pull-out program where kids are pulled out of their regular classes for about three 45-minute sessions a week," said Mary Deschamp, SDES gifted education resource teacher.

Deschamp said this is the first year Sigonella has participated in the program, which is run by the Artifact Box Exchange Service in Illinois and has been around for some 15 years. "All over the country there are different people that send Artifact Boxes to Illinois," said Elise Kuchenbecker, a fifth grade student. "They switch them around and send them all over the place. Then we have to guess where they're from and then send them back to that place."

First, the class gathers clues of their own to send to another participating school. "They have state clues and they have city clues," said Deschamp. "Some even go a little more finite than that. When we gave the Sigonella ones, we had a big debate about whether we should be the base, because we're Americans in Italy, or should we be the nearest town Motta. We think [the school who receives Sigonella's box] is going to have a big challenge. For some clues we included some from both areas."

The 25 clues that need to be included can be such things as weather forecasts, local vegetation, maps, local advertisements and even famous people who have lived or are living in the area. They also complete an accompanying suggestion for an appropriate reference so the receiving school can get a good start.

"We were sure we had uniformed persons, and showed that our [newspaper] ads were in English," said Deschamp. "To show that we were on the Italian economy in Motta, we had Italian written ads." The class included a plethora of other clues about the culture of Sicily. "We had several photos, some of the photos the kids took themselves for typical Italian fashion," she said. "We went to a library and got old newspapers," she continued. That was one of the few resources that really had the name Sigonella on it."

"One unique think about living overseas is that we had investigate the postal regulations," said Deschamp. "There was some things we could not mail the live specimens, so we took pictures of the soil, for example, and gave their Ph as another clue."

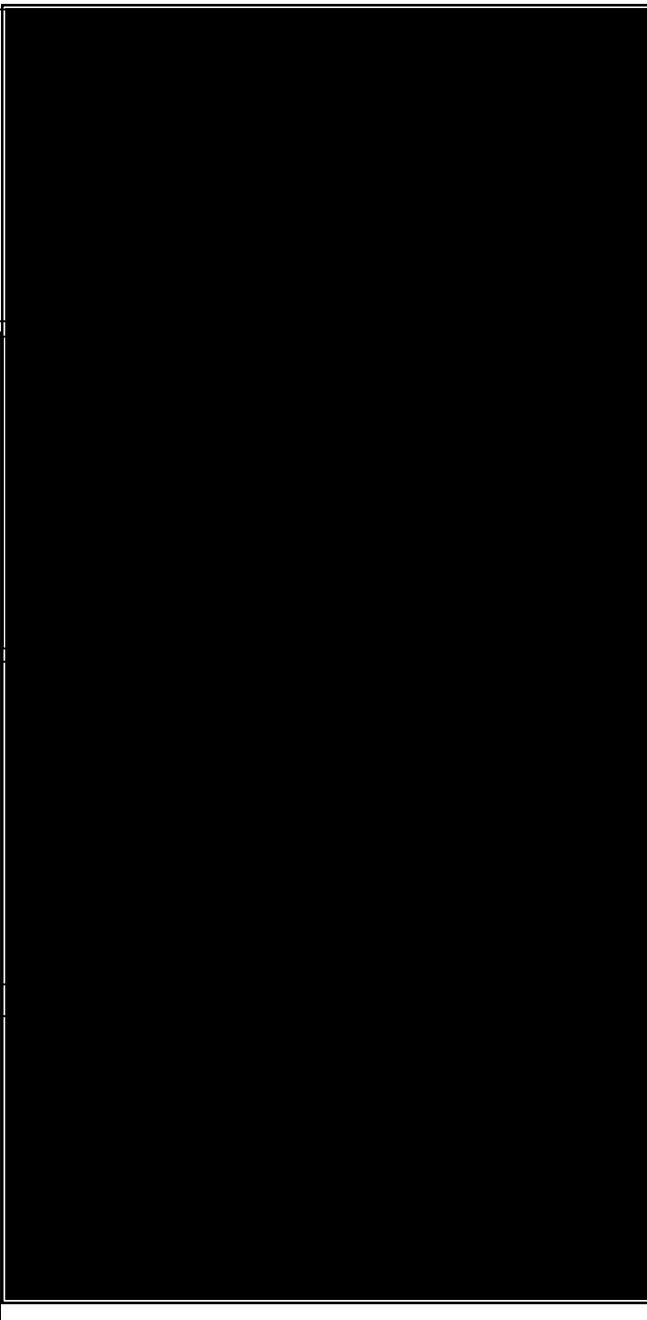
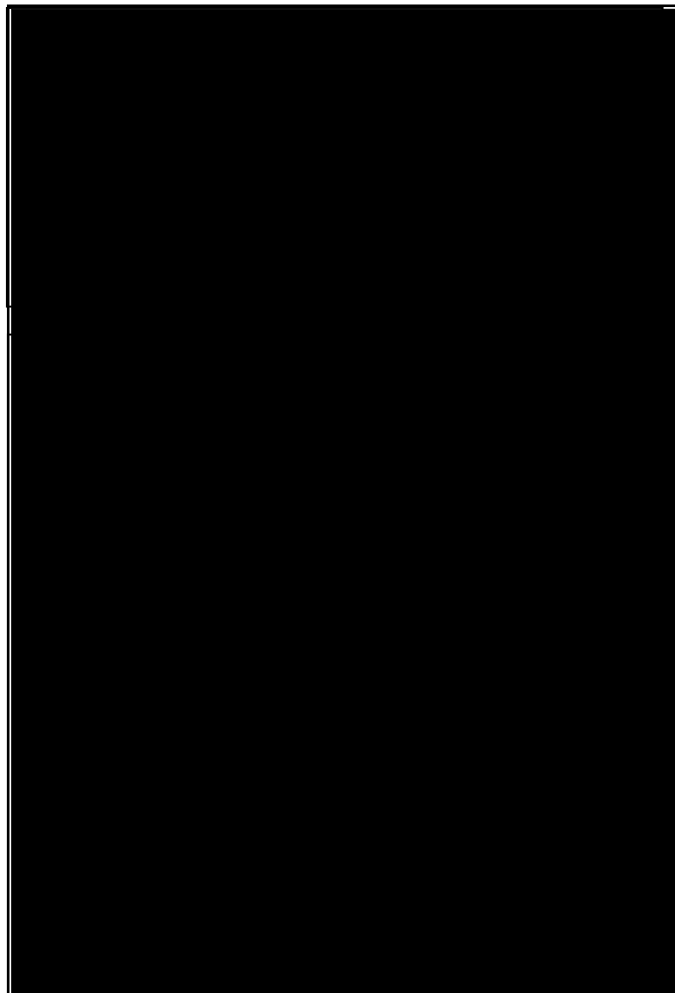
Getting out and finding clues in Sicily was a great way for the kids to learn about Italian culture. "We're kind of foreigners too," Deschamp said. "[It's a] more important activity here for that reason. A lot of kids say they live in Mineo or Maranai and they haven't had a chance really to get out on the economy. This has made them investigate a little more about Sicily. They were finding out about Sicily maybe as much as the school they were sending it to."

After sending their box full of clues to another school, the "Questers" received their box from an undisclosed location. The kids used their research skills to find where the box came from. "This gets them used to primary resources and the variety of resources that are available," said Deschamp. "We've all gone to the library and checked out almanacs, which some of the kids weren't using before. They learned how to use an encyclopedia index...not just going straight to the book itself. We also did some interviews."

The clues they receive range in difficulty from easy to hard. "Some of the clues took more thought than



Dalton Lovett, Alex Rendon and Michael Donovan look at a map on a website to locate neighboring towns given in their clue from the Artifact Box.



others," said Deschamp. "For some of them we had to delve a little bit harder."

During one class session, Kuchenbecker was using the Internet as a resource tool. "I'm looking for the population of a couple of towns or cities inside Pennsylvania so I can find out what town this artifact is from," she said. Obviously the kids have deduced where their box is from.

Fifth graders Sebastian Trippe and Dana LeMieux task for the same day was to find out the ins and outs about some rocks by using encyclopedias and other means. "We're looking for clues to see what rock this is...to see what state it's found in," said Trippe. "We think it's from Pennsylvania because we have a lot of clues from there."

The students were "getting into" the program. "They're liking it," Deschamp said. "Some of the kids have said I hope we keep doing this for a while because it's an interesting way to learn research skills and an interesting way to learn about another location. I really enjoy this type of activity with the kids myself too."

Descchamp said the program may be expanded to other classes later on.



Sebastian Trippe and Dana LeMieux talk over the origin of the rock, which they were assigned from the artifact box.



Mary Dechamp gives a "clue" to Elise Kuchenbecker from the Artifact box. The 5th grade Stephen Decatur School Quest class uses different resource techniques to research the clues from the box to determine where in the world it came from.

Trivia Answers

- 1) Suicide
- 2) Heroine
- 3) Sesquipedalian
- 4) Water of H₂O
- 5) 8

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Dresser w/ mirror; tall and narrow dresser; AFN decoder for \$375 or under. Call Larry at 095-306251.

Accomplished Clarinetist to tutor first year player (11 years old) twice a week. Previous tutoring experience a plus. Call Deb at x1302 or email debwevans@yahoo.com.

Looking for a personal trainer to work with me two to three times a week. I need someone to show me the right way to lose weight. Would prefer a female trainer, I can work around anyone's schedule. Please contact Jennifer at harwoodjenn@hotmail.com.

Someone to teach me how to play acoustic guitar at my home in Marinai. Will pay for lessons. Call x1449.

HRO ADS

Transportation Assistant (OA), UA-2102-05, NEPMU-7 Department. Announcement number LN003-025815. Closing date Jan. 19.

Sales Store Clerk, UA-2091-07, DECA Department, Retail Management Division, Grocery Dept., Deli-Bakery Operations. Announcement number LN003-025752. Closing date 20 Jan. 20.

Recreation Aid, GS-0189-03, MWR Department, Recreation Services Division, Youth Activities Branch, various location. Announcement number SIG03-RECAID. Open Continuous.

Education AID/Technician, GS-1702-03/04, MWR Department, Child Development Center. Announcement number SIG03-EDTECH. Open Continuous.

Contract Specialist, GS-1102-13, Resident Officer in Charge of Construction (ROICC). Announcement number SIG03-020183. Open Until Filled.

IT Specialist, GS-2210-11, Information Systems Department, Administrative & Information Systems Security Division. Announcement number SIG03-020675. Open Until Filled.

Materials Handler, WG-6907-05, MWR, Business Operations Division, Warehouse Branch. Announcement number SIG03-024089. Open Until Filled.

